



ACTS and LAWS,

Made and passed by the General Court or Assembly of the State of Connecticut, holden at New-Haven, in said State (by adjournment) on the twenty-ninth day of December, Anno Domini, 1790.

An Act, in addition to an Act, entitled, “an Act for constituting and regulating Courts, and appointing the times and places for holding the same.

WHEREAS, it would be inconvenient for the Clerk of the Superior Court to transport with him on the Circuits all the Books of Record of the Superior Court; and said Clerk is so long absent on said Circuits, that the obtaining certified copies is often found to be very inconvenient and difficult, which to remedy,

BE it enacted by the Governor and Council, and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, That the Superior Court of Judicature over this State, shall have full power to appoint and swear an Assistant Clerk for said Court; who shall be, and is hereby fully empowered in the absence of the Clerk of said Court, to give certified copies of the Records of said Court; and in case of the sickness or absence of said Clerk, to do and perform all the duties and powers of said Clerk for said Superior Court, in as full and ample a manner as the said Clerk for said Court is by Law authorized and empowered to do.

Assistant Clerk
in Supr. Court

An Act for the Inspection of Provisions and other Articles of Commerce.

Assize of Barrels
for beef & pork,
exported.

Four qualities of
beef.

Contents of each
barrel.

Four qualities of
pork.

Contents of each
barrel, and of
half barrels.

Beef & pork to
be well salted &
pickled.

Barrels to be
branded with
owners name &
contents.

Assize of Fish
barrels.

Also of casks for
Pot and Pearl
Ashes

Different quali-
ties of flour.

BE it enacted by the Governor, Council, and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, That from and after the first day of August, A. D. 1791, all Barrels used for packing of Beef or Pork for exportation shall be new, and made of good White Oak Staves, and Heading, and shall not be of less gauge than twenty-eight, nor more than thirty gallons each, and shall be twenty-eight inches in length, with at least twelve hoops on each Barrel; and there shall be four qualities of Beef, viz. Mefs, Prime, Cargo, and Hock—the Mefs to be of the very best quality of Ox or Cow Beef, free from Hocks or Necks. The Prime Beef, to consist of one Round, and not more than two Hocks, and half a Neck. The Cargo Beef, or third quality, to consist of three Hocks, and half a Neck—And Hock Beef, or fourth quality, to consist of Hocks and Necks; each Barrel of Beef so packed shall contain two hundred neet weight.—And there shall be four qualities of Pork, known and distinguished by the names of Mefs, One Hogg, Prime, and Cargo Pork—Mefs pork to consist of Rib pieces only; One Hog pork, to be but one Hog in a Barrel; Prime pork to consist of three Shoulders and one Head and an half, the head shall not weigh more than twenty-four pounds to each Barrel; The Cargo pork to consist of five Shoulders and not more than thirty pounds of head to each Barrel; and every Barrel of pork so packed shall contain two hundred neet weight; and all half Barrels for packing Beef or Pork, shall not be of less gauge than fourteen and a half gallons, nor more than fifteen gallons; shall be new, made of like timber, and trimmed with the same number of hoops as whole Barrels are, and shall contain one hundred pounds weight of Beef or Pork.

And all Barrels and half Barrels of Beef or Pork packed as aforesaid, shall be well salted and pickled; and to every barrel of beef, there shall be added four ounces of Salt Petre, and to every half barrel two ounces.

And all Barrels or half Barrels, containing Beef or Pork, shall be branded on one of the heads, with the initial letter of the owners christian name, and his fir-name at full length; and the figures 200, on all whole barrels, and 100 on half barrels.

That each barrel used for packing of Fish, shall be of the assize of twenty-eight gallons; and that all barrelled or salted Fish for exportation, except such as are split, shall be packed and put up edgewise.

That all Casks for Pot or Pearl Ashes, shall be of the following dimensions, viz. twenty-nine inches in length, and nineteen inches in diameter at each head, made of White Oak staves and heading, sound and tight, and trimmed with at least eighteen hoops; and that the tare of each cask shall be at least fourteen per cent. on the weight of such cask and its contents.

That there shall be two qualities of Flour, distinguished by the names of Superfine and Fine; and the manufacturer of said Flour,

shall on one of the heads of each cask brand the initial letters of his christian name, and his fir name at full length; and he shall also brand thereon these words, SUPERFINE or FINE, according to the quality for which he shall have packed it—which Brand shall remain, if on inspection the Flour appears to be of the quality marked, but if it appears not to be of the quality marked, the inspector shall erase the mark, and Brand on each cask the real quality of the Flour.

Casks to be branded with the manufacturers name and the quality.

That all Barrels containing Flour for exportation shall be well made and trimmed, with at least ten hoops—shall be tared on one head, and shall contain one hundred and ninety-six pounds of Flour, which shall be branded in figures 196, on one of the heads.

Flour barrels to be well made, trimmed, tared, and contents branded.

That all casks for Butter or Hogs Lard, shall be made of good White oak timber, and be full trimmed, and shall not contain more than sixty pounds weight; and the tare of each cask shall be marked on one of the heads thereof,

Contents of casks for butter and hogs lard—tare to be marked on the head.

That each Surveyor and Packer of Tobacco, shall carefully survey and search the Tobacco by him to be packed, and shall cull out and sepearate all such hands of Tobacco as shall be in any way damaged; and shall not pack or press any Tobacco but such as shall be found, well ripened, sufficiently cured, and every way good and merchantable.

Tobacco to be surveyed.

And be it further enacted, That the Civil Authority and Select Men of the severall Towns and Cities in this State, in which the severall articles in this Act enumerated are put up, or from which they are exported, are authorized and directed to appoint some meet person or persons to be Inspectors, Surveyors and Packers, for the purposes mentioned in this Act, who shall be severally sworn to a faithful discharge of their duty, in the same manner, *mutatis, mutandis*, as is by Law prescribed for Surveyors of Highways, Leather Sealers, &c.—and each Surveyor or Packer shall brand on the head of every Barrel or Cask by him packed as aforesaid, the initial letter of his christian name, and his fir-name at full length, and the name of the Town where the same shall be inspected; and also the kind and quality of all Beef, Pork, Fish, Flour, Pot and Pearl Ashes, with the weight and tare of the Pot and Pearl Ashes marked on one of the heads.

Civil authority and select-men to appoint Inspectors, Surveyors & Packers.

Their duty.

Provided nevertheless, That all Pot and Pearl Ashes, and Flour shall be inspected only in the Towns from whence they are exported.

Pot, Pearl Ashes and Flour, to be inspected only in export towns.

And be it further enacted, That whosoever shall ship for exportation to any foreign market, any Beef, Pork, Flour, Fish, Pot or Pearl Ashes, Butter or Lard not duly inspected, packed and branded agreeably to the requirements of this Act, shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty shillings, lawful money, for every Cask, Barrel, Kegg or Package, containing the same so shipped for exportation, to be recovered by any person who shall sue therefor.

Penalty for exporting without inspection, &c.

Penalty for exporting Tobacco not surveyed.

And if any person or persons, shall ship or export any Tobacco contrary to this Act, he or they shall forfeit the same, or the value thereof, the one half to the prosecutor, and the other half to the Treasurer of this State; and the same if found within this State may be seized, proceeded with and condemned in the same way and manner as is provided in one Statute Law of this State, made for laying and collecting a duty on the exportation of Timber, &c.

May export beef and pork in tubs

Provided nevertheless, That any person may, and shall have liberty to export Beef or Pork in Keggs or Tubs, provided the same shall be inspected and branded as aforesaid.

Fees for Inspectors, &c. stated.

And be it further enacted, That all Inspectors and Packers shall be entitled to receive for their services the following fee or reward, viz. for Packing, Pickling, Flaging, Heading and Branding each Barrel of Beef or Pork, *nine pence*, and for each half Barrel of the same, *six pence*; for Inspecting, Branding and Heading each Barrel or Cask of Pot or Pearl Ashes, *one shilling*; for Inspecting and Branding every Cask of Flour, *two pence*; for Inspecting and Branding every Kegg of Butter or Hogs Lard, *two pence*; every Packer of Tobacco, for searching, Packing and pressing every hundred weight of Tobacco *six pence*; and *three pence* per mile travel to perform said service.

Packers and Inspectors to give Certificates.

And every such Packer or Inspector shall also give to any person who shall procure him to Inspect or Pack any of the articles herein enumerated a Certificate that the same has been inspected, packed and branded conformably to this Act, without any additional fee or reward.

Penalty for fraudulently shifting any Cask, &c. after inspecting, packing or branding the same.

And be it further enacted, That if any person or persons after the Inspection, Packing and Branding of any Cask, Barrel or other vessel containing any of the articles herein enumerated, shall fraudulently take out, shift or change any part of the contents thereof, or shall falsely brand any Cask, Barrel, or other vessel, with the name of any Inspector or Packer, or shall procure the same to be packed and branded as aforesaid, he or they shall forfeit and pay the sum of *forty shillings*, lawful money, for every Cask, Barrel or other vessel so falsely branded, or of which any part of the contents have been fraudulently taken out, or changed, for all articles excepting Tobacco, and *ten pounds*, lawful money for each offence, in that article, to be recovered by any person who shall sue for the same.

Also, for giving a false certificate.

And every Inspector, Surveyor or Packer, who shall give a false Certificate, shall be subject to the penalty of *forty shillings*, lawful money, for every such offence, to be recovered in the same manner aforesaid, and shall forfeit his office.

Dimensions of diverse sorts of Lumber, Staves, &c.

And be it further enacted, That the dimensions of the several sorts of Timber for exportation hereafter mentioned, shall be as follows, viz.—All White Oak Pipe Staves four feet eight inches long, and three inches, and an half in width—White Oak Hoghead Staves three and an half feet long, and three and an half inches in width—White Oak Barrel Staves, two feet and an half long, and three and an half inches wide—White Oak Hoghead heading, two and an half feet long, and

fix inches in width, and all free from sap—All Black or Red Oak Hogthead Staves shall be three and an half feet long, and three and an half inches wide—All long Sugar Hogthead Staves shall be four feet and seven inches long, and three and an half inches wide; and all Staves and Heading shall not be less than five eighths of an inch thick on the thinnest edge.

That all Cedar and Pine Shingles shall not be less than one foot and six inches long, four inches wide, and five-eighths of an inch in thickness at the But. And that no Pine Boards shall be deemed merchantable unless the same are one inch thick and square edged. And every Inspector of Lumber shall be entitled to receive the following fees—viz. for inspecting every thousand of Staves or Heading the sum of *one shilling and six pence*; and for each thousand of Boards *nine pence*; and for each thousand of Shingles *three pence*; one half to be paid by the purchaser, and the other half by the feller.

Dimensions of shingles and boards.

Fees for Inspectors of Lumber.

And if any person or persons shall ship or take on board any vessel for exportation, any quantity or parcel of the aforementioned kinds of Lumber, not of the dimensions and description aforesaid, contrary to this Act, the same or the value thereof shall be forfeited by the person or persons who shall ship or take the same on board as aforesaid, one half to the prosecutor, and the other half to the Treasury of this State; And the same may be seized, proceeded with and condemned in the same manner as is provided in the Statute of this State, made for levying and collecting a duty on the exportation of lumber, &c.

Lumber to be forfeited if not of proper dimensions.

And be it further enacted, That at the time of clearing out for any foreign port of any vessel containing as part of her cargo, any of the articles herein enumerated, certificates signed under the hand of the Inspector or Packer of the same shall be produced to the Collector, certifying that the whole of each and every of said articles have been duly inspected or packed agreeable to Law, and according to the Brands affixed to the several Casks, Barrels or other vessels containing the same.

Certificates to be given by Inspectors.

And be it further enacted, That from and after the first day of August, 1791, the Statute Law of this State, entitled, "An Act to regulate the curing and packing of Tobacco, and to prevent fraud therein";—and an Act, entitled, "An Act in addition to an Act, entitled, an Act, for encouraging and promoting the Commerce of this State";—and also, that part of an Act, entitled, "An Act for ascertaining the affize of Casks, and preventing fraud in packing Beef, Pork and Fish for sale," which relates to the packing of said articles, shall cease, determine, and be repealed.

Former Acts repealed.

An Act to suspend the Law of this State, entitled, "An Act, in addition to an Act, entitled an Act, concerning Book Debts."

BE it enacted by the Governor and Council and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, That said Act, and the operation thereof be, and the same is hereby suspended until the first day of January, A. D. 1792.

Act suspended for collecting Book Debts.

An Act in addition to an Act, for encouraging and regulating Fisheries.

Seins not to be drawn from the rising of the sun on Saturday morning until the rising of the sun on Monday morning.

BE it enacted by the Governor and Council, and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, That no person or persons shall between the fifteenth day of March and the fifteenth day of June, in any year, set or draw any Sein or Seins for the purpose of catching fish in Connecticut River, or within one mile and a half of the mouth thereof, to be computed from a line drawn due east from Saybrook Fort, from the rising of the sun on Saturday morning until the rising of the sun on Monday morning in each week, nor at any time in the night season, between the setting and rising of the sun; any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Persons convicted to pay 10l.

And every person that shall be convicted of any breach of this Act, shall forfeit the sum of *ten pounds*, and also the value of the Sein and other utensils used in catching fish; to be recovered by any one who shall sue for the same, before any Court of Record having jurisdiction thereof.

An Act, in addition to an Act, entitled, "An Act for encouraging and regulating Fisheries."

No person to draw a sein between the 1st March and 1st June.

BE it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, That no person shall set or draw any Sein for the purpose of catching Fish, between the fifteenth day of March, and the fifteenth day of June, in any year, near the mouth of Ousatonock River, between the places called Half-Moon Point, and Quimbo's Neck Point, or South of an East or West line from said Quimbo's Neck Point, to Milford Beach Point, or within half a mile East and West on each side of the mouth of said River; And that not more than one Sein shall be used during each tide at any one fishing place, in any part of said river; and that no Sein shall be used in said river of greater length than thirty rods.

No person to draw a sein except between Monday evening and Saturday morning, in the months of April, May and June.

Persons convicted to pay 4l.

And be it further enacted, That no person or persons shall draw any Sein, or other fish craft in New-Haven East River, except between the setting of the sun on Monday evening, and the sun's rising on Saturday morning, in each week, in the months of April, May and June, annually. And every person that shall be convicted of the breach of this Act, shall pay a fine of *four pounds*, one half to the use of him who shall sue for and prosecute the same to effect, and the other half to the Treasury of the County where such offence shall be committed; and shall also forfeit the Sein, Ropes and other implements used for catching fish, contrary to this Act, to be appropriated as aforesaid.

No person to draw a sein, &c. under the same penalty.

And be it further enacted, That no person or persons shall draw any Sein or other fish craft in Quinaboug River, except between the setting of the sun on Monday evening, and the sun's rising on Friday morning in each week, in the months of April, May and June, annually, under the same penalty and forfeitures, and to be recovered in the same manner as is already provided by Law to regulate the fisheries in said rivers.

BE it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, That no Collector of State Taxes shall be allowed from the date of his respective warrants, more than three years to make his collection of such Tax or Taxes. Collectors limited.

And be it further enacted, That all Collectors of the aforesaid description whose warrants have been of more than six years standing, shall not be allowed to make any further collection of Taxes by virtue thereof, after the last day of December, in the year 1791. And all such Collectors whose warrants have been of less than six years standing, shall not be allowed to make any further collection by virtue thereof, after the first day of June, in the year 1793.

Provided nevertheless, That of all persons removed out of this State, leaving no property within the same, such collection may be made at any time hereafter. *Provided also,* That Executors, of the Wills, and Administrators on the Estate of deceased Collectors, shall be allowed the term of two years from the rising of this assembly; and in future the term of two years from the time of their being capacitated as aforesaid, to make collection of Taxes due to such deceased Collectors of such Taxes, as shall come into their hands for collection, by virtue of their appointment. Persons removed out of the State, their taxes to be collected at any time.

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The first of the General Assembly, which was held at the City of New York, on the 1st of January, 1844, was attended by a large number of the members of the Assembly, and the following resolutions were passed:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the State, do report, that they have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the following communications from the several States and Territories, to-wit:

From the State of New York, the following communications from the several Departments of the State, to-wit:

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